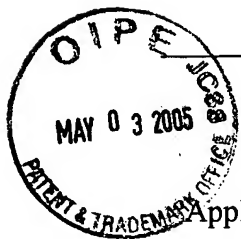


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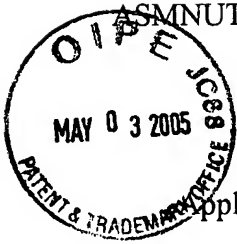
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Dear Sir:

In an action mailed March 31, 2005, the Examiner required restriction of prosecution to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 17-30, drawn to an ECM system, classified in class 204, subclass 224R; and
- II. Claims 31-44, drawn to an ECM system, classified in class 204, subclass 224R.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect to proceed, without traverse, with prosecution on the merits of Group II (Claims 31-44), drawn to an ECM system, classified in class 204, subclass 224R.

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